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REF: STATE 139830 AND PREVIOUS

1. RESTRICTION PLACED UPON TELEPHONE INSTALLATION IN
"COMMUNICATIONS CENTER", WITH INTERPRETATION ON FULL
CONTEXT OF MEANING OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS POSES
SERIOUS DILEMMA IN VIEW OF CURRENT WORLD-WIDE SITUATION.
EVERY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THIS AREA, (WITH SIMILAR
CIRCUMSTANCES PRESUMABLY IN OTHER AREAS HAS HAD
TELEPHONE SERVICES INSTALLED. INSTALLATIONS CONSIST OF
BOTH SINGLE LINE INSTRUMENTS, AND MULTI-LINE (KEY
SYSTEM) INSTRUMENTS. AM NOT AWARE OF ANY POSITIVE
DISCONNECT DEVICE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SINGLE LINE
INSTRUMENTS. IN STATE INSTALLATIONS FOR ALL PRACTICAL
PURPOSES, THE WECO 270 DISCONNECT IS NEITHER BEING USED,
OR CONSIDERED PRACTICAL FOR USE.

2. MULTI-LINE INSTRUMENTS TERMINATING INTO SYSTEMS
EMPLOYING SB4001A SECURITY LINE CARDS DO ENJOY POSITIVE
LINE DISCONNECT FEATURES AND ARE EMPLOYED IN EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE AREAS OUTSIDE OF COMCENTER - IN FACT THE
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CUSTOMER IN THESE AREAS INSIST UPON MULTI-LINE
INSTALLATION IN PREFERENCE TO SINGLE LINE. TO GAIN
ADVANTAGE OF AUTOMATIC CUT-OFF. SUBMIT, THAT CONSIDERING
POSITIVE CONTROLLED ENTRANCE TO COMCENTERS, SURREPTITIOUS
INTRUSION INTO MULTI-LINE TELEPHONES INSTALLED THEREIN
SOMEWHAT LESS THAN A REALISTIC THREAT. ALSO TO BE
CONSIDERED IS THAT NOT ALL AREAS WITHIN CONFINES OF A

"COMMUNICATIONS CENTER" SIMILARLY SENSITIVE TO AUDIO OR ELECTRONIC COMPROMISE.

3. FURTHER SUBMIT, REFERENCE IN ITSELF IS A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT REQUIRES FOLLOW-UP IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS.

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